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No. 596 283 A1 and as it is herewith incorporated in the disclosure content of the present patent application by express reference.

At page 13, change the first sentence of the paragraph beginning at line 11 to read (the remainder of the paragraph remains as-filed):

AS FIG. 1 shows an epilation head 1 of an epilating appliance of the present invention.

In the Claims:

Please cancel the original claims 1-23, without prejudice, and kindly add the following claims, support for which is discussed in the "Remarks" section:

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- 24. Hair-removing device comprising:
a hair-removal roller driven in rotation by a motor around an axis of rotation arranged behind a housing window, said roller comprising a plurality of tweezing blades arranged in at least one row, each of said tweezing blades having a tweezing edge,
control means for successively leading said tweezing blades to close against one another in order to tweeze hairs to be plucked and then to separate from one another; and
a pain-soothing device comprising elements mounted on said roller, wherein
said elements are mounted in a fixed position on said roller and each element has at least one protuberance extending beyond a virtual cylinder coaxial with said roller and in which are inscribed said tweezing edges of said tweezing blades,
each said protuberance has an outer end that is at least one of inclined and rounded along a plane that is transverse to the axis of rotation of said roller and that passes through said element from which said protuberance extends and
each said element has a stiffness and dimensions selected to cause each said protuberance, when said roller is rotating and is disposed against a user's skin, to contact the skin and then press into the skin to perform a massaging action and to create a pain masking that of the hair removal.
25. Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein the outer end of each protuberance is rounded and has a base which is situated within the virtual cylinder.

26. Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein the outer end of each protuberance is rounded and convex.

sub 01 27. Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein said elements are arranged on the roller in a series in an elongated zone covering substantially the length of the roller, and are distributed along one of: a straight line; a helical line; and in staggered rows. *not disclosed*

28. Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein said elements are either connected to on a part of said roller) or are formed in one piece with said part. *not clear they alter the use*

29. Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein said elements are rigid or semi-rigid.

sub 03 30. Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein said elements are present in the form of at least one radial plate having an external edge, or a bar having an external edge (extending parallel to the axis of rotation between lateral cheeks of said roller) (said external edge of said plate or of said bar protruding beyond the virtual cylinder and being straight, undulating, or toothed.) *not disclosed*

31. Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein said roller comprises at least one component having a circular periphery inscribed in the virtual cylinder and said protuberances are arranged on said circular periphery. *not disclosed*

32. Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein each said protuberance is formed adjacent the tweezing edge of a tweezing blade.

33. Hair-removing device according to claim 24, wherein said roller comprises peripheral pedestals extending parallel to the axis of rotation of said roller and (each having) an external face, and wherein said elements are mounted on said external faces of said pedestals. *not disclosed*

34. Hair-removing device according to claim 33, wherein said elements are a series of spikes individually connected on said pedestals.

35. Hair-removing device according to claim 33, further comprising a base fitted into one of said pedestals and a plurality of said protuberances are connected to, or integral with, said base.

36. Hair-removing device according to claim 33, wherein each of said elements comprises a rod.

37. Hair-removing device according to claim 33, wherein each of said pedestals has an oblique external face and each of said elements constitutes a protruding elongated edge of the oblique external face of a respective one of pedestals, said protruding elongated edge of said oblique external face of each of said pedestals being an upstream or downstream edge of said oblique external face as viewed with respect to the sense of rotation of said roller, and said protruding elongated edge of said oblique external face of each of said pedestals is straight, undulating, or toothed.

38. Hair-removing device comprising:

a hair-removal roller driven in rotation by a motor around an axis of rotation arranged behind a housing window, said roller comprising a plurality of tweezing blades arranged in at least one row, each of said tweezing blades having a tweezing edge,

control means for successively leading said tweezing blades to close against one another in order to tweeze hairs to be plucked and then to separate from one another; and

a pain-soothing device comprising elements mounted on said roller, wherein

said elements are mounted in a fixed position on said roller and each element has at least one protuberance extending beyond a virtual cylinder coaxial with said roller and in which are inscribed said tweezing edges of said tweezing blades,

each said protuberance has an outer end that is at least one of inclined and rounded along a plane that is transverse to the axis of rotation of said roller and that passes through said element from which said protuberance extends and

each said element has a stiffness and dimensions selected to cause each said protuberance, when said roller is rotating and is disposed against a user's skin, to contact the skin and then press into the skin to perform a massaging action and to create a pain masking that of the hair removal.--